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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE EVACUATION FROM CYPRESS(FROM CHAIRMAN  
ELG.)

A. NICOSIA 1570.

1. IF AMCITS MOVED FROM NICOSIA TO SBA AND EVACUATION ORDERED WE  
FORESEE THREE PROSPECTS FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO SAFEHAVENS.

A. BY COMMERCIAL AIR FROM AKROTIRI TO BEIRUT. WE ASSUME MEA  
AIRCRAFT WOULD MAKE ROUND TRIPS AND THAT BRITISH WOULD APPROVE USE  
OF AKROTIRI FOR THIS PURPOSE. ADVANTAGES THIS METHOD ARE ASSUMED  
AVAILABILITY EASIER TRANSIT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND LOWER

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B. BY US NAVAL VESSELS FROM AKROTIRI AND DHEKHELIA TO BEIRUT.

ADVANTAGE THIS METHOD WOULD BE EASIER PICK UP OF EVACUEES REACHING DHEKHELIA AND EMB NICOSIA PREFERS THIS OVERLAND ROUTE. US NAVAL VESELS IN TF61/62 HAVE SMALLER CRAFT FOR OFFLOADING AT BEIRUT.

C. BY US MILITARY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM AKROTIRI TO BEIRUT, TEL AVIV, OR CAIRO. EUCOM HAS SOME RESERVATIONS USING BEIRUT FOR US MILITARY PLANES BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE PLO USE OF ANTI AIRCRAFT MISSILES. THERE ALSO MAY BE HIGH PRIORITY MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON OTHER MISSIONS.

2. EVACUATION AMCITS FROM KYRENIA (ASSUMED TO NUMBER ABOUT 70) BY SEA IS ONLY APPARENT METHOD. THIS POSING PROBLEMS FOR US NAVAL PLANNERS BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY DIVERTING US NAVAL VESSEL FROM FLEET RESOURCES. ALTERNATIVES MIGHT BE COLLABORATION WITH BRITISH NAVAL FORCES AND/OR USE OF COMMERCIAL CHARTER SHIP. UNDERSTAND NAVEUR WILL BE ASKED TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE, TURKISH APPROVAL FOR PERMISSIVE EVACUATION REQUIRED. PERHAPS US EMB ANKARA COULD HELP WITH THIS. IF KYRENIA EVACUATED WE ASSUME SOME BRITISH CIVILIANS WOULD BE INCLUDED. WE ASSUME BEIRUT MOST LOGICAL SAFEHAVEN IF US NAVAL VESSEL USED. PERHAPS A US DESTROYER, IF

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EMPLOYED, COULD ALSO PICK UP AMCITS AT PAPHOS.

3. OTHER PROBLEMS OCCURING TO US ARE:

A. IF EVACUEES FROM CYPRESS ARE MIXED BAG OF NATIONALITIES AND RELIGIONS, THERE MAY BE ENTRY OR TRANSIT PROBLEMS BEIRUT.

B. THERE MAY BE DIFFICULTIES EVACUATING ONLY AMCITS. LARGE BRITISH COMMUNITY IS PART OF PROBLEM. WE KNOW ONLY OF LEBANESE REQUEST FOR HELP WITH 100 OF THEIR NATIONALS FROM CYPRESS BUT THERE MAY BE OTHERS IF US MOVEMENT TO SBA DIRECTED. RUCHTI.

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